

§Appl. No. 10/608,449
Amdt. dated April 10, 2006
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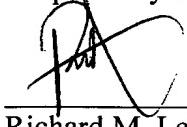
REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 17-19, and 21-24 have been canceled without prejudice, with the right to pursue such subject matter in a continuing application, and at such time, identify the errors in the rejections of record. This is not an acquiescence to any grounds of rejection but is for the purpose of expediting prosecution. Claims 3, 5, and 20 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. See, Office action dated January 10, 2006, Page 5, Paragraph Nos. 5 and 7. Such claims have been amended accordingly, and now are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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